
Transportation and Communications Committee
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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Transportation and Communications Committee held its meeting at SCAG Offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Harry Baldwin, Vice-Chair, City of San Gabriel. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Aldinger, Jim, City of Manhattan Beach
Baldwin, Harry, City of San Gabriel
Bone, Lou, City of Tustin
Brown, Art, City of Buena Park
Burke, Yvonne, City of Los Angeles
Daniels, Gene, City of Paramount
DeLara, Juan, City of Coachella
De Young, Cathryn, City of Laguna Niguel
Dixon, Richard, City of Lake Forrest
Dunlap, Judy, City of Inglewood
Flickinger, Bonnie, City of Moreno Valley
Gabelich, Rae, City of Long Beach
George, Gary, City of Redlands
Gurule, Frank, City of Cudahy
Hernandez, Robert, City of Anaheim
Herrera, Carol, SGVCOG
Lowe, Robin, City of Hemet/RCTC
Lowenthal, Bonnie, City of Long Beach
Mikels, Judy, Ventura County
Miller, Llewellyn, City of Claremont
O'Connor, Pam, City of Santa Monica
Pettis, Greg, Cathedral City
Proo, Bea, City of Pico Rivera
Ridgeway, Tod, City of Newport Beach
Roberts, Ron, City of Temecula
Rutherford, Mark, City of Westlake Village
Smith, Greg, City of Los Angeles
Spence, David, City of Arroyo Verdugo
Stanford, Dick, City of Azusa
Stone, Jeff, Riverside Board of Supervisors

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Szerlip, Don, South Bay Cities
Talbot, Paul, City of Alhambra
Tyler, Sidney, City of Pasadena
Uranga, Tonia Reyes, City of Long Beach

Members Not Present

Adams, Steve, Riverside, WRCOG
Becerra, Glen, City of Simi Valley
Baine, Paul, San Bernardino County
Buckley, Tom, City of Lake Elsinore
Cervantes, Jesus, Commerce, Gateway Cities COG
Dale, Lawrence, City of Barstow
Davis, Bill, City of Simi Valley
Fasana, John, City of Duarte
Garcia, Lee Ann, City of Grand Terrace
Hall, Isadore, City of Compton
Herzog, Peter, OCOG
Keenan, Tim, City of Cypress
Marshall, Patsy, City of Buena Park
Millhouse, Keith, City of Moorpark
Nuaimi, Mark, City of Fontana
Ovitt, Gary, City of Ontario
Smith, Charles, OCTA
Smyth, Cameron, City of Santa Clarita
Sykes, Tom, City of Walnut

New Members

Cervantes, Jesus, Commerce, Gateway Cities COG
Gabelich, Rae, City of Long Beach
Stone, Jeff, Riverside Board of Supervisors

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

Vice-Chair Honorable Harry Baldwin called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Don Kornreich, citizen, Laguna Woods, came forward to give his comments on a future regional transportation plan based on Maglev and Personal Rapid Transit (PRT). He stated that he had been present at SCAG policy committee meetings through the years in support of Maglev and in support of two supplements to Maglev which, is PRT, also

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an overhead system. PRT would be a connecting route of transportation to and from Maglev stations in order to increase ridership and to use Maglev special cars for transporting Goods Movement during off-peak hours.

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE

No changes requested.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Approve Minutes of November 4, 2004

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 SCAG Future Events Calendar

MOTION was made to approve the Consent Calendar items, SECONDED, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

There were no Action Items at this time.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Southern California Regional ITS Architecture Update

Bob Huddy, SCAG Staff, stated that Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) are computer based signal systems and things such as that, that help improve the safety and efficiency of surface transportation systems. ITS requires a National Architecture under a rule promulgated by the Federal Government in 2001. Staff has until April 8, 2005 to complete this project. Staff will be returning to TCC in February 2005 with a draft of the Southern California Regional ITC Architecture for review and approval and if approved it will be taken to the Regional Council for adoption in March.

SCAG has contracted with a consulting team lead by National Engineering Technologies (NET) Corporation to assist in developing the Regional ITS Architecture. The final product will be based upon input from the Regional Integration of ITS from LACMTA and the Inland Empire ITS Architecture as

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building blocks, and will include updates of the Architectures for Ventura County Transportation, and Imperial County, as well as Region-wide systems.

Mr. Huddy, then introduced Ms. Jackie Golob, Project Manager, National Engineering Technologies Corp., primary consultants to ITS. Ms. Golob gave an overview of the rule, requirements, schedule, and progress to date.

6.2 Staff Analysis of Go21's Principles

Philbert Wong, SCAG staff, presented an update relating to Go21's statement of principles to SCAG's goods movement planning efforts. Go21, which stands for Growth Options for the 21st Century, advocates for increasing the volume of goods handled by rail.

Go21's Statement of Principles:

- Growing freight volumes will make congestion worse on our overcrowded highways
- Freight transportation and quality of life are directly connected
- Freight rail improves quality of life
- Rail relieves highway gridlock and makes highway safer
- Rail is fuel efficient and better for the environment
- Rail yields financial benefits

Mr. Wong stated that SCAG recognizes that rail transportation will continue to play a significant role in the movement of goods, and as a result train infrastructure improvements, including track capacity and grade separations, will be needed to accommodate future growth. Recognizing this fact, the improvements were included in the 2004 RTP. SCAG has proposed the use of tax credit bonds to finance such improvements. SCAG supports exploring options for reducing truck trips and increasing rail use. Strategies, such as inland ports, offer the potential for reducing truck trips and therefore merit further study. It was noted that strategies to increase rail use to and from the ports can effectively be implemented, the region will still experience a large increase in truck trips, warranting the need for highway infrastructure improvements.

Vice-Chair Baldwin then moved forward agenda item 9.0, Staff Report, requesting Nancy Pfeffer, SCAG Staff, to come forward and give clarification on goods movement in Southern California. See 9.0 of the minutes for more detail.

6.3 Los Angeles-San Diego San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor (LOSSAN)

An overview of the the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN) and its activities was presented by Linda Culp, Senior Transportation Planner with SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments).

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LOSSAN is responsible for coordination of planning and programs that increase ridership, revenue, reliability, and safety on the coastal rail line from San Luis Obispo to Los Angeles to San Diego.

Recognizing the need to improve the safety, reliability, capacity, and customer experience along the entire corridor, the LOSSAN rail corridor agency was formed. Known as Amtrak's *Pacific Surfliner* corridor, it is the second busiest intercity passenger rail corridor nationwide, with a record 2.2 million passengers in FY 2005. One in every nine Amtrak passengers uses the *Surfliner* corridor. This corridor also is shared with Metrolink and Coaster commuter rail service and freight (Coaster service operates between Oceanside and downtown San Diego).

6.4 Orange County Toll Lane Alternatives

Mr. Michael Leahy, of the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA), Orange County, gave a presentation on Foothill-South, the proposed southern extension of the 241 Toll Road to the I-5 near San Clemente. SR-241 Foothill-South, has been subject to planning efforts for more than 20 years by a wide range of local, regional, state, and federal agencies.

The Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA) were formed to plan, finance, construct and operate Orange County's 67-mile public toll road system. Their mission is to enhance mobility in Orange County and Southern California by developing and operating publicly owned toll facilities as a part of the regional transportation system.

At this time there is no preferred alternative identified in the Draft EIS/SEIR. The purpose of the document was to scientifically evaluate all the project alternatives equally and disclose the traffic benefits and potential environmental impacts of all of the alternatives.

Councilmember Hernandez and TCA staff will brief TCC members on the alternatives.

7.0 MAGLEV TASK FORCE REPORT

None at this time.

8.0 CHAIR REPORT

Vice-Chair Honorable Harry Baldwin announced that the L.A. County City Selection Committee was going to hold an important election. Councilmember Bea Proo, City of Pico Rivera, Councilmember John Fasana, City of Duarte, and Frank Roberts, City of Lancaster, are up for re-election on the MTA Board. The election/meeting is to be held at

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the Quiet Cannon, City of Montebello, this evening, January 6th. He encouraged all TCC members that sit on the committee to be in attendance to retain these representatives.

Vice-Chair Baldwin also announced that the Legislative Program report from SCAG's Executive Director, Mark Pisano, is addressed in his memo and includes a consensus program draft brochure from all the transportation agencies in the SCAG region. This program will be taken forward to Washington, D.C. on February 16 and 17.

9.0 STAFF REPORT

Nancy Pfeffer, SCAG Staff, gave an overview of the letter and attachments sent to the Honorable Sunne McPeak, Secretary, Business, Transportation & Housing, State of California on December 13, 2004 per the request of Governor Schwarzneger. The attachments included the Southern California Regional Strategy for Goods Movement: A Plan for Action (two-page) summary, and a longer, technical white paper. The two-page summary, outlined the key short-term concerns, actions that have been taken, and actions that need to be taken to keep goods and people moving.

10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None at this time.

11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

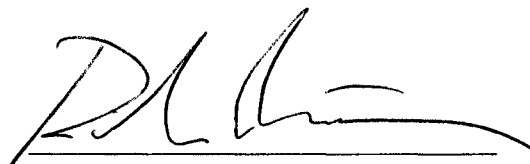
None at this time.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

The next committee meeting will be held on

February 3, 2005, 10:30 a.m., at the SCAG Office.



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